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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: DON ANTHONY HANDLEY, #021503**  
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**SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On October 17, 2023, Don Anthony Handley, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Handley settled a personal injury case in January 2019. Mr. Handley's support staff assigned to the file inadvertently failed to deposit the settlement check received from the insurance carrier for the at-fault driver, and the error was not identified until July 2022. The error later resulted in an overdraft on Mr. Handley's trust account. Mr. Handley's failure to identify the error evidences a breach of his obligation to create and maintain appropriate trust account management protocols, as well as his duty to appropriately train and supervise his staff.

By these acts, Mr. Handley has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safekeeping client funds and property) and 5.1 (managerial and supervisory responsibilities) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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